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For: **METHOD FOR FORMING NICKEL SILICIDE FILM, METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR ETCHING  
NICKEL SILICIDE**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Japanese Office Action dated January 14, 2009, from a corresponding Japanese Application, along with a partial English Language translation. All references cited in the Office Action enclosed within were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 8, 2005 and referenced by the Examiner on April 25, 2008.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, but as no new references are cited the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is not being remitted.

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